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Russia Refrains from Increases in Export Tariff for Round Wood

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Report Highlights:

GOR issued Resolution # 1190 which maintains the current export tariff on unprocessed round woods at the 2010 level. Originally the export duties were scheduled to increase to a prohibitive level but they were frozen at 25 percent.

Executive Summary:

On December 29, 2010, the Russian Government issued Resolution # 1190, which maintains the export tariff for certain categories of unprocessed wood products at the 2010 level, 25 percent of customs value (but no less than 15 Euros per cubic meter). On January 1, 2011, the tariff was expected to go up to 80 percent following commitment of the Russian government to increase export tariffs for low value wood products to stimulate wood processing locally. Export tariff increases have always been an irritant during EU-Russian WTO accession negotiations (specifically with Finland and Sweden) and these countries have put considerable pressure on Russia to suspend duty increases. Industry sources believe that by issuing the current Resolution the government gave up its plans for further export tariff increases.

General Information:

Text of Resolution #1190 of December 29, 2010

“On Export Customs Tariff for Certain Categories of Unprocessed Wood Products, Exported from the territory of the Russian Federation out of the boundaries of states-members of Agreements of Customs Union”

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

Include a partial change into Government Resolution 795 of December 23, 2006, “On Approving export customs tariff for the goods, exported from the territory of the Russian Federation out of the boundaries of states – members of agreements of Customs Union, recognizing that some acts of the Government of the Russian Federation have lost effect (Collection of Laws of the Russian Federation, 2007, Number 1, article 254; Number 7, article 896; Number 16, article 1917; Number 21, article 2511; Number 45, Article 5503; 2008, Number 52, article 6407), and approve the attached export customs rates in regards for certain categories of unprocessed wood products, exported out of the boundaries of states-members of Customs Union Agreement.

The present Resolution enters into force on January 1, 2011.

Vladimir Putin

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

Export Customs Rates for Certain Categories of Unprocessed Wood Products, Exported out of the Boundaries of States-Members of Customs Union Agreement

Tariff Code [1]	Item Description	Export customs rate (in percent from customs value or in Euro)
4403 20 110	Logs:	
4403 20 110 1	Not less than 15 cm in diameter, but not more than 24 cm, less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³

4403 20 110 2	More than 24 cm in diameter, less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 190	Other:	
4403 20 190 1	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark, or sapwood, not broken down, less than 15 cm in diameter	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 190 9	Other	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 310	Logs:	
4403 20 310 1	Not less than 15 cm but not more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 m in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 310 2	More than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 390	Other:	
4403 20 390 1	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark, or sapwood, not broken down, less than 15 cm in diameter	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 390 9	Other	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 910	Logs:	
4403 20 910 1	From other spruce, except for fir spruce " <i>Picea abies</i> Karst.", or from other fir-tree, except for white silver fir (<i>Abies alba</i> <i>Mill.</i>), not less than 15 cm but not more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 910 2	From other spruce, except for fir spruce " <i>Picea abies</i> Karst.", or from other fir-tree, except for white silver fir (<i>Abies alba</i> <i>Mill.</i>), more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 910 3	From other pine, except for common pine " <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> L.", not less than 15 cm but not more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 910 3	From other pine, except for common pine " <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> L.", more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 910 9	Other	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 990	Other:	
4403 20 990 1	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark, or sapwood, not broken down, less than 15 cm in diameter	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 20 990 9	Other	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
44 03 99	Other:	

4403 99 100 0	From poplar	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 99 300 0	From eucalyptus	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 99 510	Logs:	
4403 99 510 1	not less than 15 cm but not more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 99 510 2	more than 24 cm in diameter, not less than 1 meter in length	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 99 590	Other:	
4403 99 590 1	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark, or sapwood, not broken down, less than 15 cm in diameter	0
4403 99 590 9	Other	25, but not less than 15 Euro for 1 m ³
4403 99 950	Other:	
4403 99 950 2	From aspen	10, but not less than 5 Euro for 1 m ³

^[1] The commodities are defined exclusively by codes of the Customs Nomenclature of the Russia's Foreign Trade Activity (in Russian TN VED).